

**MARTINSVILLE COMMON COUNCIL
MARTINSVILLE INDIANA
MORGAN COUNTY, INDIANA
MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2016**

Mayor Shannon Kohl called the Martinsville Common Council to order on Monday, March 7, 2016. Citizen Bud Manley then led those in attendance in opening prayer followed by the Mayor's leading attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE

THOSE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Shannon Kohl, Mayor
Terry Buster, District 1
Ben Merida, District 2
Mike Lanam, District 3
Chip Keller, District 4
Phil Deckard II, District 5
Eric Bowlen, Councilman-at-Large
David Trout, Councilman-at-Large
Ross Holloway, City Engineer
Dale Coffey, City Attorney
Rick Lange, Chief of Police
Valerie Hugart, Clerk-Treasurer
Becky Tumey, 1st Deputy Clerk

A quorum was declared present.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman David Trout to waive the reading of the minutes of February 16, 2016 and to accept the minutes as written. Councilman Eric Bowlen seconded the motion. The Motion passes 5-0. Those abstaining due to absence were Councilmen Terry Buster and Chip Keller.

MAYORS REPORT

None

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Next meeting

OLD BUSINESS

Utility Vehicle Ordinance – Duane Metcalf, 259 E Washington Street, spoke to Council members regarding Ordinance 2010-1653, commonly known as the Golf Cart Ordinance. Metcalf's discussion included amendments and ordinances for the State, County and City. High lights included registration, a valid driver's license and proof of insurance. Having met previously with Mayor Kohl, Mr. Metcalf said he and the Mayor think it would be better to amend the existing ordinance than create a new one. Councilman David Trout wants more investigation on maximum speed for golf carts. Councilman Eric Bowlen suggested a proposal be presented at the next meeting after a meeting with Police Chief Rick Lang concerning safety. Mayor Kohl added inspections of the carts would eliminate unlawful carts. No action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS

Employee Exception to Health Insurance Coverage – A City employee requested an exception be made concerning the Employee Benefit Trust. A motion was made Councilman David Trout to deny the exception request. Councilman Ben Merida seconded the motion. The Motion to DENY the exception passes 5-0. Voting yea were: Councilmen Eric Bowlen, Chip Keller, Ben Merida, David Trout, and Mike Lanam. Voting no were Councilmen Terry Buster and Phil Deckard II.

Appointments to Redevelopment Commission – A motion was made by Councilman Ben Merida to appoint Chip Keller and Dair Grant to the Redevelopment Commission. This was seconded by Councilman Terry Buster. The Motion passes 7-0.

Resolution 2016-457 – 335 Crestwood - A lot located at 335 Crestwood has been given to the City from the County. Potential use of the lot includes park facilities as the City already owns many lots in the same area. The area is in a flood zone. Permanent housing is prohibited per FEMA after the 2008 flood. A motion to accept the lot was made by Councilman Chip Keller and seconded by Councilman Ben Merida. The Motion passes 7-0.

CLAIMS

A motion to accept the claims as reported was made by Eric Bowlen. Councilman Ben Merida seconded the motion. The Motion passes 7-0. Councilman Chip Keller abstained on claims from Keller Office Supply.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Councilman David Trout made the motion to adjourn. This was seconded by Councilman Eric Bowlen. The Motion passes 7-0.

Shannon Kohl, Mayor

Terry Buster, Councilman

Ben Merida, Councilman

Mike Lanam, Councilman

Chip Keller, Councilman

Eric Bowlen, Councilman-at-large

Philip R Deckard II, Councilman

David Trout, Councilman-at-
Large

ATTEST:

Valerie Hugart, Clerk-Treasurer